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## ***Shuster Announces Grant to McConnellsburg Volunteer Fire Company in Fulton County***

*Washington, D.C.* – **Congressman Bill Shuster** is pleased to announce that the McConnellsburg Volunteer Fire Company has successfully secured a \$132,050 grant through the Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Fire Fighters Program (AFGP).

The \$132,050 grant will be used to purchase rescue equipment and personal safety apparel to enhance the fire company's ability to serve the community. The fire company will purchase 24 complete sets of SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) equipment, as well as a thermal imaging camera to assist in fire rescues.

"The equipment the fire company will buy with this grant will save lives," Shuster said. "The breathing systems will keep the firefighters safe against smoke inhalation and the thermal imaging camera will allow rescuers see through the smoke and flames to find people quickly."

"I congratulate the volunteers of the McConnellsburg VFD for their successful grant application," Shuster added.

"The McConnellsburg Volunteer Fire Company is very appreciative of the efforts of Congressman Shuster in supporting this vital program for Fire Departments nationwide," said Fire Chief Pete Lynch. "Without this program, it would be difficult to secure quality, up-to-date equipment to better serve and protect our community as well as providing the utmost protection and safety for our firefighters."

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFGP) awards one-year grants directly to fire departments and rescue personnel to support the nation's first responders and the services they deliver. The Department of Homeland Security's Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness (SLGCP) administers the program, in cooperation with the U.S. Fire Administration.

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